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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: L. Liu SHINJI OHNISHI) Group Art Unit: 2145 Application No.: 10/733,295 Confirmation No. 2528 Filed: December 12, 2003 For DETECTING WHETHER A) CONNECTION BETWEEN APPARATUSES INCLUDES A PREDETERMINED TRANSMISSION MEDIUM February 23, 2009

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 23, 2008, the period for response to which having been extended to February 23, 2009 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee. Claims 7 to 18 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 7, 11 and 15 are independent. For convenience, all of Claims 7 to 18 are reproduced below. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.